

## [CHAPTER 141]

## AN ACT

March 24, 1948  
[H. R. 4838]  
[Public Law 450]

To extend the period of validity of the Act to facilitate the admission into the United States of the alien fiancées or fiancés of members of the armed forces of the United States.

Alien fiancées or fiancés.

50 U. S. C. app. §§ 1851-1855; Supp. I, app. § 1851.

50 U. S. C., Supp. I, app. § 1851 (b).  
Effective date.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the authority conferred upon the Secretary of State and the Attorney General under the provisions of the Act approved June 29, 1946 (60 Stat. 339), shall be extended to December 31, 1948, midnight.

SEC. 2. Clause (b) of the proviso of the first section of the Act approved June 29, 1946 (60 Stat. 339), is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall be regarded as having become effective from and after December 31, 1947.

Approved March 24, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 142]

## AN ACT

March 24, 1948  
[S. 1733]  
[Public Law 451]

To authorize payment to certain enrolled members of the Seminole Tribe of Indians under Act of July 2, 1942 (Public, Numbered 645, Seventy-seventh Congress).

Seminole Indians.  
Payment.

56 Stat. 528.

56 Stat. 1080.  
25 U. S. C. §§ 375a, 375b.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in making the payment to the enrolled members of the Seminole Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma or their heirs, authorized in section 1 of the Act of July 2, 1942 (Public, Numbered 645, Seventy-seventh Congress), the regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under date of October 14, 1942, shall be followed in ascertaining the heirs of the enrolled members entitled to share in the funds of said tribe as to those persons who died prior to the Act of December 24, 1942 (Public, Numbered 833, Seventy-seventh Congress), and payment shall be made accordingly.

Approved March 24, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 143]

## AN ACT

March 24, 1948  
[S. 1782]  
[Public Law 452]

To provide for selection of superintendents of national cemeteries from meritorious and trustworthy members of the armed forces who have been disabled in line of duty for active field service.

Superintendents of national cemeteries.

Repeal.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That superintendents of the national cemeteries shall be selected from meritorious and trustworthy members of the armed forces who have been honorably separated from the service of the United States, and who have been disabled in line of duty for active field service.

SEC. 2. Section 4874, Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 24, sec. 275), is hereby repealed.

Approved March 24, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 144]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

March 24, 1948  
[S. J. Res. 172]  
[Public Law 453]

To authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes during 1948.

Canadian vessels.  
Transportation of iron ore.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That by reason of the continued extraordinary requirements of the iron and steel industry for

Lake Superior iron ore, notwithstanding the provisions of section 27 of the Act of Congress approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 999), as amended by Act of Congress approved April 11, 1935 (49 Stat. 154), and by Act of Congress approved July 2, 1935 (49 Stat. 442), or the provisions of any other Act of Congress or regulation, vessels of Canadian registry shall be permitted to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes during the year 1948 or until such date prior to the end of said year as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may designate.

46 U. S. C. § 883; Supp. I, § 883 note.

Approved March 24, 1948.

[CHAPTER 146]

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment and operation of a research laboratory in the North Dakota lignite-consuming region for investigation of the mining, preparation, and utilization of lignite, for the development of new uses and markets, for improvement of health and safety in mining; and for a comprehensive study of the possibilities for increased utilization of the lignite resources of the region to aid in the solution of its economic problems and to make its natural and human resources of maximum usefulness in the reconversion period and time of peace.

March 25, 1948  
[H. R. 2453]  
[Public Law 454]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is authorized and directed to establish, equip, and maintain a research laboratory in the lignite-consuming region of North Dakota to conduct researches and investigations on the mining, preparation, and utilization of lignite coal and to develop new scientific, chemical, and technical uses and new and extended markets and outlets for lignite coal and its products. Such laboratory shall be planned as a center for information and assistance in matters pertaining to conserving lignite coal resources for national defense and security; to the more efficient mining, preparation, and utilization of lignite coal; and pertaining to safety, health, and sanitation in mining operations and other matters relating to problems of the lignite industry.

Lignite coal research laboratory, N. Dak.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act the Secretary, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is authorized to acquire land and interests therein, and to accept in the name of the United States donations of any property, real or personal, and to utilize voluntary or uncompensated services at such laboratory. The Secretary is authorized and directed to cooperate with other departments or agencies of the Federal Government, States, and State agencies and institutions, counties, municipalities, business or other organizations, corporations, associations, universities, scientific societies, and individuals, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

Acquisition of land.

Cooperation with other agencies.

SEC. 3. The Secretary, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, shall make a report to Congress at the beginning of each regular session of the activities of, expenditures by, and donations to, the laboratory established under this Act.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, may, in his discretion, create and establish an advisory committee composed of not more than six members to exercise consultative functions, when required by the Secretary, in connection with the administration of this Act. The said committee shall be composed of representatives of lignite coal-mine owners, of representatives of lignite coal-mine workers and the public in equal number. The members of said committee shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior without regard to the civil-service laws.

Advisory committee.

SEC. 5. In order to carry out the purposes of this Act there is hereby

Appropriation authorized.